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Mr. Jess R. Walrath, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Walrath:

Re: Carrier Facility; Collierville, Tennessee

Thank you again for the information which you provided during our May 31 meeting. It is evident from our discussions that Carrier is committed to preserving the integrity of the environment in the Collierville community. Your voluntary work with the TDHE to define the nature and extent of contamination at the plant is commendable, and is a big headstart on an RI/FS. BIBACASISA

As we discussed on May 31, I have investigated potential mechanisms for the conduct of an RI/FS without a Section 106 Administrative Order on Consent between a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) and the Agency. I have found that no mechanism exists; in fact, CERCLA, as amended, requires a PRP to enter into an Order with the Agency before the PRP will be allowed to conduct an RI/FS.

For your information, I have enclosed a copy of an example Administrative Order on Consent for the conduct of an RI/FS in Region IV. I encourage you to call me if I can be of help, and I hope to hear from you regarding RI/FS consent order negotiations.

Sincerely yours,

Jeffrey D. Hunt Remedial Project Manager KY/TN Site Management Unit Superfund Branch

Enclosure

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